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IN AN EDITORIAL ON SECRETARY KISSINGER'S FORTHCOMING TRIP, ENTITLED
"NEW PEACE DRIVE", TIMES OF MALTA (CONSERVATIVE) OF JULY 8 COMMENTS:

"DR. HENRY KISSINGER, THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE, IS UNDERTAKING
A NEW PEACE DRIVE ON THE MIDDLE EAST ISSUE, STARTING WITH TALKS IN
GENEVA THIS WEEK WITH MR. ANDREI GROMYKO, THE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER

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DR. KISSINGER IS ALSO HAVING TALKS IN LONDON AND PLANS TO VISIT OTHER
WEST EUROPEAN CAPITALS. THE OUTSTANDING ISSUES STILL DRYING SOLUTION
COVER THE MIDDLE EAST, EFFORTS TO REACH A NUCLEAR ARMS AGREEMENT AND
THE PROPOSED EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE SUMMIT IN HELSINKI.

THE HOPES OF ALL PEACE-LOVING PEOPLE WILL ACCOMPANY DR. KISSINGER
ON HIS EUROPEAN TOUR. THE TALKS ON THE M.E. WITH THE RUSSIANS,
WHO ARE CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE, FOLLOW THE
UNSUCCESSFUL PERSONAL EFFORTS OF PRESIDENT FORD TO PRODUCE A
NEW ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT. THE GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION IS
REFLECTED IN MR. FORD'S WARNING THAT IF THE PRESENT DEADLOCK
CONTINUED, "WAR IS ALMOST INEVITABLE".

THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT IF THE LATEST PEACE DRIVE FAILS, THE UNITED
STATES WILL HAVE TO RECOMMEND THE RECONVENING OF THE GENEVA CONFERENC
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DR. KISSINGER MET MR. GROMYKO ON MAY 19 WHEN THEY AGREED TO DELAY THE
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RESUMPTION OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE WHILE THE U.S. TRIED TO NEGOTIATE

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NEW AGREEMENT ON THE SINAI. NEGOTIATIONS MAY WELL HAVE TO CONSIDER
PROPOSING A "BROADER COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMME" FOR A M.E. SETTLEMENT.
THE UNITED STATES IS KNOWN TO PREFER TO CONTINUE STRIVING TOWARDS A
SINAI AGREEMENT WHILE ANY HOPE REMAINS RATHER THAN TO RECONVENE A
GENEVA CONFERENCE. DR. KISSINGER'S MISSION HAS SUCH AN OBJECTIVE."
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